



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Appln. No.: 09/719,410

Filed: December 12, 2000

For: **Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Improves β -Cell Response to Glucose in Subjects with Impaired Glucose Tolerance**

Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Abdel A. Mohamed

Atty. Docket: 18528.543

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed December 27, 2004, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 18528.543. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

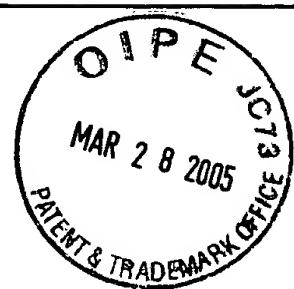
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2004; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 18528.543. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures